3. The Scheme "Development/Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization" allows financial incentives for setting up of competitive agricultural markets in private sector, direct marketing and contract farming. Similarly, another scheme Construction of Rural Godowns also provides financial incentives to all categories of individual/companies for creation of scientific storage capacity.

Assistance to Horticultural Schemes of Goa

3380. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme of horticulture is being implemented in Goa;

(b) the names and essential features of each of these schemes;

(c) the financial assistance available to the farmers under these schemes; and

(d) the total financial assistance given so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) Government is implementing the following schemes for promotion of horticulture in the country including Goa:

(i) **Centrally sponsored Scheme on National Horticulture Mission:** Government has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the country, including Goa, during the current financial year with a total outlay of Rs. 2300.00 crores for remaining period of the X plan for doubling the horticulture production, including fruits, spices, vegetables, flowers and aromatic plants, by ensuring end to end approach having backward and forward linkages covering research, production, post harvest management, processing and marketing. Supply of quality seeds and planting material are part of the scheme. The total outlay for the current financial year for NHM is Rs. 63000 crore. Under the scheme, the farmers are being motivated to take high value horticulture crops for enhancing their income. An allocation of Rs. 7.88 crore has been made for the State of Goa under NHM for the year 2005-06.

(ii) **Programmes of Coconut Development Board (CDB):** CDB provides assistance to farmers/beneficiaries for area expansion, cutting and replacement of diseased plants, organic manure units and demonstration.

(iii) **Oil Palm Development Programme:** Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Technology Mission for Oilseed and Pulses, assistance is provided for area expansion, maintenance of plantations, drip irrigation and training.

Besides Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the Government of Goa also supports the following development programmes of horticulture.

* Support for irrigation through dug wells and water pumps.
* Assistance on the vegetable seed production to the extent of 50% of the cost.
* Distribution of fruit plant saplings to rural households.
* Availability of quality planting materials.
* Support prices to arecanut in case of fall in the price below critical level.

So far an assistance of Rs. 28.52 lakhs have been provided during current financial year to beneficiaries/farmers under the above programmes.

Infrastructure for IDDP

3381. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the achievements of Integrated Dairy Development Projects (IDDP) in Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas are much below than targeted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the areas selected under IDDP have either very little or no infrastructure in terms of animal husbandry, dairying and even the general